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SUBJECT: PREPARATIONS FOR VIENNA CYPRUS NEGOTIATIONS

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1. AMBASSADOR (OR CHARGE) SHOULD AT EARLIEST OPPORTUNITY
MAKE APPROACH TO PRESIDENT MAKARIOS, FOREIGN MINISTER
CHRISTOPHIDES, OR DIRECTOR GENERAL PELAGHIAS ALONG FOLLOW-
ING LINES:

A) WE HAVE SEEN VARIOUS REPORTS SUGGESTING THAT THE PARTIES
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MAY BE APPROACHING THE VIENNA TALKS IN WAYS WHICH MIGHT NOT
PERMIT THE KIND OF PROGRESS WE HOPE WILL BE POSSIBLE.

B) YOU SHOULD INDICATE THAT CLIFFORD RECALLS HIS VERY
FRUITFUL DISCUSSIONS WITH PRESIDENT MAKARIOS. WE HOPE THAT
EACH SIDE IS DOING ALL IT CAN WITH UN SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE
IN CYPRUS TO DEVELOP PROCEDURES, AGENDA AND TIMETABLE WHICH

WILL PROVIDE BASIS FOR SUSTAINED SUBSTANTIVE NEGOTIATING PROGRESS. IN THIS CONNECTION WE HOPE ARRANGEMENTS CAN BE MADE TO RESUME TALKS EITHER IN VIENNA OR NICOSIA AS SOON AS POSSIBLE FOLLOWING CONTEMPLATED EASTER BREAK BEGINNING ABOUT APRIL 7. WE ALSO BELIEVE SOME FORM OF SIMULTANEITY MUST BE ESTABLISHED IN DISCUSSING TWO KEY QUESTION OF CONSTITUTIONAL ARRANGEMENTS AND TERRITORY. IT SHOULD BE POSSIBLE TO WORK THIS OUT BY MORNING/AFTERNOON SESSIONS, ON ALTERNATE DAYS, ETC.

C) WE EXPECT EACH PARTY WILL BE PREPARED TO PUT SPECIFIC PROPOSAL ON TABLE IN VIENNA. CLIFFORD WAS INFORMED THAT GREEK CYPRIOT TERRITORIAL PROPOSAL WOULD TAKE FORM OF A BIZONAL MAP, WITH A SUFFICIENTLY LARGE TURKISH ZONE AS TO PROVIDE A REALISTIC BASIS FOR NEGOTIATION. YOU SHOULD ALSO INDICATE WE ARE MAKING SIMILAR REQUEST CONCERNING TURKISH CYPRIOT CONSTITUTIONAL PROPOSAL AND URGING THAT IT BE MORE FLEXIBLE AND DETAILED THAN APRIL 1976 PAPER.

2. WE DO NOT THINK IT WISE TO APPROACH DENKTASH AT THIS TIME, BUT SHOULD DISCUSSIONS WITH TURKISH CYPRIOTS OCCUR YOU SHOULD BE GUIDED BY LINE IN SEPTTEL TO ANKARA.

3. FOR LONDON AND USUN: PLEASE INFORM SECRETARIAT AND FCO THAT WE ARE MAKING ABOVE APPROACH.
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